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APPENDIX A

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION, and STATISTICAL SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date 1/30/81

Full name Walter James Currier
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Mailing Address Box 611 Rochester, N. H. 03867

Residence City Lebanon State Maine Zip Code

Date of birth 0 - - 193 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

Religion Roman Catholic Nationality

Occupation Part-time teacher

Education High School - some college

Weight Approx. 240lb Height 5' 9" Race White

Color of hair Black Color of eyes

Outstanding characteristics or interests

Married or single Divorced Children Two
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name

Scouting connections:

Unit No.	City	State	Office	Date registered	Date resigned
E240	Rochester	N. H.	MC	12/31/80	

Special recognition

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons:

Allegations of homosexual relations with minors

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

Materials already in files at Home Office

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JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed Ronald R. Litten
Assistant SCOUT EXECUTIVE
Council Daniel Webster

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April 24, 1981

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Mr. Paul Ernst
Director
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Boy Scouts of America
Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, Texas 75261

DANIEL WEBSTER COUNCIL, Inc. Number 330

Northeast Region Area 1

913 ELM STREET • MANCHESTER, N. H. 03101
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Dear Paul:

Enclosed you'll find an update of happenings related to the recent registration suspension of one Hazen James Carrier.

From the data enclosed you will see that he requested a review; it was held; and the Council review committee has informed him that the suspension remains in effect. He is aware that he may now request a review at the Regional level if he so desires.

Should there be anything further needed from your end, please let me know.

Regards,

Ronald P. Titus
Assistant Council Executive

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Enc.

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Copy of lost letter
to your office

January 27, 1981

Mr. Paul Ernst
Director, Registration & Subscription Service
Boy Scouts of America
P.O. Box 61030
Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, Texas 75261

Dear Paul:

From the enclosed material you will note that we have taken action as of January 26, 1981 to suspend the registration of H. James Currier, whose most current registration has been in a multiple capacity as district vice chairman and MC of Explorer Post 2240, chartered by the Rochester Lodge of Elks in Rochester, New Hampshire.

Although there have been no formal charges made, the allegations as outlined in the enclosed letter from [REDACTED] and as received by me in a personal visitation with representatives of the Teen Center, have led us to take this action.

Dave Park is aware of the situation and I'm sure you'll want to discuss it further with him.

Regards,

Ronald P. Titus
Assistant Council Executive

RPT:IM

cc: Rene Gilbert
Council President
Rick Bassett
District Executive

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Dear Mr. Gilbert,

The enclosed report + request is per the appendix I which I received although not all of my thoughts on the situation are in type, I feel there are enough extenuating circumstances to prove to you my innocence of the accusation of me + my conduct as an adult in the Boy Scout organization.

Sincerely,
Jim Curnin

Letter to Council PRESIDENT

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I find this report very hard to write. It means that I have to defend myself from something accused of me that I feel I have innocence in. I have to point out 15 years of service and the things that I have accomplished in those 15 years, such as having 5 Eagle scouts while Scoutmaster and others that I have counseled for the rank of Eagle. I find it hard to accept that I am banished due to accusations, without the chance to defend myself. Even the courts of law require innocence until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

I point out at this time that I am securing legal counsel from Attorney Bill Tanguay of Dover, for possible defamation law suit.

In reference to your Appendix D, I am hereby requesting a review of the previous decision of my case.

My service to your program speaks for itself for the past 15 or more years of service. I have been Scoutmaster for Troop 175. While with this troop, I worked with Robert White and others who will vouch for my integrity and leadership qualities working directly with the boys. I have worked for 5 years with Dave and Moe and others at Hidden Valley. As Vol. Commissioner, I spent an average three weeks per summer. This equals 15 solid weeks of many hours working with their program. My character esteem can be verified by both Dave Johnston and Moe Trombly, and many summer staff past and present. I could obtain a character reference from any of them. I have worked within my district as Commissioner, O & A, Roundtable Comm., conducted Eagle ceremonies for many recipients, plus many other capacities, which you all know about.

My past services included, serving in Viet Nam in combat for the U. S. Marine Corps. I have been married and have two children. I served the First United Methodist Church of Rochester also.

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As a member of the Methodist Church, I served as a certified Lay Speaker. I was the Youth Coordinator for a number of years. I served as a Sunday School teacher for a number of years. I was also the youth advisor for the high school youth.

I am also a Senior DeMolay member and have served as an Advisor for the Clarence Woodman Chapter in Rochester.

I served on the Salvation Advisory Board for a number of years.

I have also work with the Rochester chapter of Red Cross, and act as Disastor chairman.

I also work with the Rochester Youth Hockey program, specifically the Midget red team.

I haven't gone into a lot of detail of my past services of youth, as I don't feel that it is necessary. I don't look for reward.

My stay at Teen-Haven, Inc. was for seven months. The boys there come from broken, mistreated, and abused homes. More than 50% are in some degree, retarded. While there, I tried to initiate new programs of reform that would present some type of therapy rather than the "baby sitting service" in existence. I had caught severel at shop-lifting, some of drug abuse, plus other problems. One boy had a problem of violent explosion due to an emotional problem. Rather than hitting him, I tried to show him love by hugging him and showing him that I cared. We would talk a lot, and I would give him attention. He is undergoing therapy sessions at Strafford Guidance Clinic. Two boys had a problem of bed wetting almost every night. I sent them to Dr. Roy, who gave them pills, plus I would get up every night for 3 weeks solid at 12 midnight and take them to the bathroom until they seemed to break the habit. These are just two stories of my counseling that could be misconstrued. But I also made a few enemies, I'm certain. I had discovered one boy on drugs and was in the process of getting him

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into a drug rehabilitating program, just before I resigned. I had also caught two in an embarrassing situation and had confronted them about it. I also had to use corporal punishment on a few boys, who vowed they would "get even" with me, even if it meant "burning" me. But I took all of this in stride as it was part of the job. I feel that there could be a number of reasons of why rumors started to fly and accusations were given to an over-reacting female counselor.

I just feel that a wrong has been done to me and that your review of the situation will find that things were blown out of proportion. I also understand that even though there are quite a few people that know of this situation already, I expect it to still be confidential due to the possible law suit involved.

Cliff James Gernier

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January 27, 1981

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Dear Mr. Gilbert:

I have received your letter which was hand delivered by Rick Bassett and Bob Thompson. I must admit that it was probably the most disparaging thing ever to happen to me.

I have dedicated myself to over 15 years of Scouting service, in many different areas of responsibilities.

As working as Counselor, I know I made some enemies, especially when it involved drug "busts". I expected some retaliation due to some of my disciplinary tactics at Teen Haven. We thought it even best that I resign among other reasons, due to my credibility with the trouble makers living there. I was even threatened that they "would get even with me", at times. I have discussed all this with the Executive Director, Nelson McLean.

And now, my whole integrity is at stake plus my own self esteem. I had intended to work at the Valley this summer as Head Commissioner for Moe.

Considering that there may be a legal involvement concerning defamation of character, whether it be libel or slander. Due to the seriousness of the matter, I have the right to know just what the charge is and from what source.

Yes, I would like to be able to defend myself and be reinstated. Although I am not now in a leadership capacity, I would like to continue on my District Staff level and be able to help Moe this summer in the Administrative level.

Sincerely, yours,

Jim Currier
Jim Currier

Box 614

Rochester, N. H. 03867

Request For Review

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JIM CURRIER UPDATE - 2/13/81

Met with Nelson McLean, former director of Austin-Cate Academy, Center Strafford, at the Academy where he is still a resident, on Friday morning, February 13. Rick Bassett, Spaulding-Bay District Executive, was also present. McLean is supposedly active in the Y.M.C.A. program at the state level.

Reviewed the case to date and heard McLean's explanation of the facts first-hand, for the first time. Essentially no change in the previous testimony given by his staff members and others.

McLean stated that he did in fact feel that the "verbal evidence" - accusations made by the young people involved - left no real doubt in his mind that the alleged acts did take place. He did suggest two options to Currier: 1) that he accompany McLean to the police station in Rochester where they would meet with the juvenile officer who was also a member of the Teen Center board; OR submit his resignation. He chose the latter route without question and, using a sheet of paper on McLean's desk, hastily and angrily wrote out a terse, one-sentence letter of resignation. No written reason was given.

McLean said that he later learned that Currier that very day went to the unemployment office to file. When this was reported to McLean, he informed the unemployment office that Currier had resigned and that he would fight the case on principle. A hearing was subsequently scheduled but Currier withdrew his claim before any meeting would take place.

McLean has offered to repeat his story, either in court or privately to our attorney if necessary.

It was agreed by those present that the next move is Currier's and we shall wait to see if any further action is taken by him.

Ronald P. Titus

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March 31, 1981

Mr. H. James Currier
Box 614
Rochester, New Hampshire 03867

Dear Mr. Currier:

Mr. Gilbert, President of Daniel Webster Council, Boy Scouts of America, has asked me to write to you acknowledging receipt of your letter requesting a review of the recent suspension of your BSA registration.

This is to advise you that the review is in progress and you will be notified of the committee's decision as soon as one has been reached.

Yours truly,

Ronald P. Titus
Assistant Council Executive

RPT/cf
cc: Rene Gilbert, President
Rick Bassett, District Executive

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CONFIDENTIAL MATTER
RE: JIM CURRIER

A meeting of the review committee appointed by Council President Rene Gilbert met in the office of the Assistant Council Executive, Ron Titus, at 9:00am, Thursday, March 26, 1981. Those present were President Gilbert, Del Gilbert (Rene's brother), Fr. Lee LeBlanc, Atty. Douglas McIninch, and Ron Titus.

The purpose of the committee was defined and the case history of Jim Currier was reviewed. Copies of all data collected to date was distributed with the instructions that it be treated as confidential.

Following nearly a three hour session it was determined that each member would take the material with him to review in detail. During the next week questions needing answers would be called in to Ron Titus. In addition, to seeking the answers Ron would contact Nelson McLean and arrange for him to meet with the committee at a date and place agreeable to him. The week of April 20th was suggested.

It was also felt that a letter should be sent to Currier advising him that a review was being conducted. It is expected that there will be one more meeting of the committee at which time a decision will be reached regarding the suspension of Currier's registration.

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On Tuesday, April 21, 1981 the above committee minus Del Gilbert travelled to Austin-Cate Academy in Center Strafford, New Hampshire to meet with its director Nelson McLean. Mr. McLean reviewed the incidents which led to his dismissal at the Rochester Teen Center and answered a number of questions that the committee members had concerning the alleged conduct of Currier at the Teen Center and of action taken by members of the staff there at the Center.

It was learned that Mr. Currier has also been dismissed as a "permanent" substitute teacher in the Rochester, New Hampshire school system. We are led to believe that the dismissal also stemmed from the alleged incidents at the Teen Center.

In adherence to the guidelines set forth by the National Council in its material "Maintaining Standards of Leadership", the committee felt it had no recourse but to affirm its original decision to deny Mr. Currier registration in the Movement. He is being so advised and also reminded of the opportunity he still has to have his case heard at the Regional level.

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April 21, 1981

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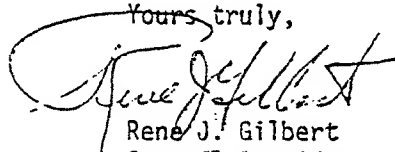
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Mr. H. James Carrier
Box 614
Rochester, New Hampshire 03867

Dear Mr. Carrier:

Consistent with the rules and guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America for the operation of a review committee, your application for review has been evaluated. This committee has conducted a thorough review of all the pertinent information, including your letter. Being mindful of the obligation to maintain the highest possible standards of leadership in the Boy Scouts of America, it was the decision of the review committee to affirm the denial of your registration. The decision of the review committee is subject to further review by a review committee established at the Regional level. To pursue such a further review, you must write to the Northeast Region President, Jack B. Riffle, c/o Northeast Region, Boy Scouts of America, P.O. Box 350, Dayton, New Jersey 08810, requesting such a review.

Yours truly,


Rene J. Gilbert
Council President

RJG:MM

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Notification of Committee Decision

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April 20, 1981

Mr. Arol J. Charbonneau
Scout Executive
Daniel Webster Council #330

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Hazen James Currier

Dear Arol:

Thank you for the detailed information you gave us on the above Scouter. We have discussed this case with our attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Thanks very much.

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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February 12, 1981

Mr. Arol J. Charbonneau
Scout Executive
Daniel Webster Council - No. 330

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Hazen James Carrier

Dear Arol:

Thank you for the confidential record sheet concerning the above
Scouter. This will be most helpful for identification purposes in the
future. Also for the support material.

We would appreciate any further information you may receive in the
future.

Thanks very much,

Paul L. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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CONFIDENTIAL MATTER

APPENDIX B letter hand delivered to Mr. Currier on January 27, 1981 by District Executive Rick Bassett and Assistant District Commissioner Bob Thompson. Confirming telephone call received by me on Jan. 28th. Currier expressed shock that this could and did happen and stated that he'll fight the Teen Center with his attorney.

On January 30, a letter was received at the Council Service Center addressed to Mr. Gilbert, the Council President (copy of letter enclosed). In the letter Currier asked to be informed of the specific charges and of the source of same.

Later on January 30, a copy of APPENDIX D (Applicant's Procedures For Requesting Review Of Decision Which Denies Registration) was mailed to Currier. Also, the District Executive was instructed to personally telephone him informing him that the information was in the mail to him. In addition he will verbally inform him that three different people have made charges informally that he (Currier) has been engaged in homosexual acts with minors, etc. No names are to be given.

Dave Park has been advised of the actions taken on January 30th and is in agreement. He did advise that we bring in our local attorney at this point and this will be done immediately.

Should Mr. Currier request a review at the Council level we shall follow the procedures outlined in our "Maintaining Standards of Leadership" packet and you will be kept informed.

Ronald P. Titus
1/30/81

Data to be added to the file of
Hazen James Currer

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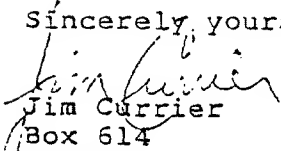
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Jim Carrier

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January 27, 1981

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Assistant Council Executive

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cc: Rene Gilbert
Council President
Rick Bassett
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Mr. H. James Currier
Box 614
Rochester, New Hampshire 03867

Dear Mr. Currier:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are, therefore, compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand that BSA leadership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of leadership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA leader should be granted or reinstated.

Sincerely yours,

Rene J. Gilbert
President

RJG:MM

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January 22, 1981

Boy Scouts of America
Commissioner Rick Bassett
Daniel Webster Council

Re: Hazen (James) Currier

To the Boy Scouts of America,


The above named individual has recently been involved in an incident at Teen Haven, a group home for boys, that reflects in a negative manner on his moral character.

Mr. Currier was employed by Teen Haven as a counselor in June of 1980. Recently it was brought to our attention by Teen Haven that Jim had allegedly been involved in a homosexual relationship with one of our wards and had made sexual advances towards two of our other wards at the home. The descriptions given by the boys in the alleged incidents seemed to have enough substance to warrant an investigation by the staff at Teen Haven.

~~When confronted about the incident by the staff, Mr. Currier did not deny it and immediately submitted his resignation and left the home. Court action was not taken due to Teen Haven wishing to avoid bad publicity.~~

We feel the incident did occur and the fact that Mr. Currier did not deny it and did resign, gives credence towards the allegation. Because Mr. Currier is involved in Boy Scouts, we feel it is important that the council becomes aware of the allegations.

Sincerely,


Social Worker
Child and Family Services

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